

HCS SB 888 -- ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Walsh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, the Secretary of State administers a program to protect victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, or stalking by assigning substitute addresses to such victims. State and local government agencies must accept the substitute address when creating public records relating to a participant in the program.

This bill provides that victims of human trafficking may also participate in the program.

The bill also prohibits the lottery commission, state employees, and those contracting with the state or commission to operate the lottery from publishing the name, address, or other identifying information about a lottery winner unless the individual has provided written consent authorizing the publication.

This bill is similar to HB 2422 (2016) and SB 211 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will protect victims of human trafficking and save lives.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Walsh; Secretary Of State's Office; Empower Missouri; and the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.